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GENERAL GATACRE DEAD.



Major-General Sir William Gatacre has died at Gambela, in the Upper Soudan, at the age of sixty-three. He had a distinguished military career in India, the Soudan, and South Africa.—(Elliott and Fry.)

THE QUEEN'S GIFT TO THE MIKADO.



Prince Arthur of Connaught has taken to Japan a miniature of the above portrait of the Queen and her Japanese dog as a personal present from her Majesty to the Mikado.—(W. and D. Downey.)

CHICAGO'S SOCIAL DICTATOR.



The Duke of Atholl's engagement to Mrs. Potter Palmer, widow of an hotelkeeper and the richest woman in Chicago, who censors social invitations, is denied.

OPENING BULL'S-EYE AT MINIATURE RIFLE-RANGE.



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THE NEW ARMY ESTIMATES.

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Mr. Haldane's memorandum on the Army Estimates for 1906-7 was issued last night. The new Secretary for War announces no sweeping changes. There is a slight reduction on the estimate of £17,000 as compared with last year, the total being £226,796,000.

Considerable decreases, however, have had to be made to prevent the estimates being swollen by another £780,000.

"The estimates viewed as a whole," said Mr. Haldane, "embody an far-reaching change or new departure, but provide the money necessary to carry on the Army on its present footing for another year. I do not desire to attempt the introduction of serious changes in policy without taking full time for their consideration."

On the subject of the short rifle, Mr. Haldane says:

"The reports received from the troops both at home and in India were of such a character as to determine the Army Council to proceed with the manufacture of the short rifle, and its issue to the infantry at home is now proceeding."

"It is calculated that by the end of 1907 we shall have a sufficient number of new rifles to replace completely the whole of our regular troops at home and in the Colonies, together with their reservists, in addition to a considerable number of reserve arms."

There will be a reduction, under the estimates, of about 5,300 officers and men.

MR. ARNOLD-FORSTER'S SCHEME DROPPED.

The important announcement is made that it is not proposed to proceed further with Mr. Arnold-Forster's scheme for the formation of a separate branch of the Regular Army for home service with a two years' term of colour service.

With regard to the Militia an experiment will be tried during the winter of 1906-7 with twenty selected Militia battalions, the recruits of which will be drilled for six months on enlistment by their own (Militia) officers. In the training season of 1907 these battalions will be trained for six instead of four weeks. Meanwhile no change in Militia establishments is to be made.

Provision is made to begin the formation of a reserve of civilian volunteers, the recruits of the Volunteer infantry will be brigaded under brigadiers, who will be responsible throughout the year for the training and inspection of their battalions. Apart from this, no important changes are proposed in connection with the Volunteers.

The increase of £27,000 on the non-effective votes, Mr. Haldane explains, is owing to the growth of the charges for retired pay of officers and for soldiers' pensions. These votes are now about half a million higher than before the war, and their present tendency is upward rather than downward, as more liberal scales of pensions have been granted in accordance with public sentiment.

SLUR ON AN M.P.

Why Mr. Hay Was Excluded from Post Office
Select Committee.

After much desultory "question and answer" business, in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Sydney Buxton, the Postmaster-General, moved that a Select Committee of seven members, to be nominated by the Committee of Selection, be appointed to inquire into the wages and position of the principal classes of Post Office servants.

Sir A. Acland-Hood moved the adjournment of the debate, complaining of the way in which the Opposition had been treated in the matter. The Government had objected to the nomination of the member for Hoxton (Mr. Claude Hay) for service on the Committee, which was an undeserved slur.

Mr. Buxton said there had been a misunderstanding. He did not object to Mr. Hay on personal grounds, but because he had taken a decided line on the question last session, and he decided a thoroughly impartial Committee.

The House divided, and the adjournment of the debate was deferred by 311 to 107.

Interrogating Mr. Lloyd-George, Sir H. Vincent wished to know whether the right hon. gentleman's attention had been called to the statement that there were over 200,000 South African mine shareholders in this country and 50,000 abroad.

Mr. T. Healey. Can the hon. gentleman say how many of these shareholders are bears and bulls?

Mr. Crooks: And how many asses are included among them? (Laughter.)

"THE DUKE" AND MR. BALFOUR.

Unionist Free-Traders To Oppose
Ex-Premier's Policy.

HOW TO MAKE CONVERTS.

The most important passage in the Duke of Devonshire's much looked-for manifesto as the leader of the Unionist free-traders, in the form of a forty-five minutes' speech in Westminster Palace Hotel yesterday, had reference to the position of Mr. Balfour in the tariff reform controversy.

The Duke said he would not enter into a personal controversy with Mr. Balfour, and he regretted it, in the observations he had already made at the party meeting at Lansdowne House or elsewhere, he had done any injustice to Mr. Balfour in not mentioning the sufficient importance to the qualifications of his acceptance of a general tariff.

If he had done Mr. Balfour any injustice in this respect, he did not do so in ignorance of those qualifications.

The list of qualifications was an extensive one, and he must confess that the ordinary brain almost recoiled with the effort to discover whether the main propositions or the qualifications which were attached to them were the more important.

Mr. Balfour was substantially in agreement with Mr. Chamberlain on tariff reform—(hear, hear)—and as they protested against the Tariff Reform League, it was their duty now to protest against the policy of Mr. Balfour.

The Duke implored his followers to influence those electors who were Unionists first and free-traders or tariff reformers afterwards.

He advised the Unionist Free-Trade Club to work on persuasive rather than on aggressive lines; to protest against, and, as best they could, oppose the policy which had now been adopted by Mr. Balfour.

MRS. BROWNING'S CENTENARY.

Florence's Graceful Tribute to the Poetess, Who
Loved Italy So Well.

FLORENCE, Tuesday.—The municipality of the city, in commemoration of the centenary of the birth of Elizabeth Barrett Browning, has placed a beautiful wreath on the marble tablet affixed in 1892 to the house in which Mrs. Browning died. The wreath is dedicated to "the memory of the poetess who so loved Florence."—Reuter.

Mrs. Browning was born a hundred years ago yesterday in a little Durham village. Soon after her marriage her health compelled her to live abroad, and she and her famous husband spent the rest of their time in Italy, a country to which Mrs. Browning was greatly devoted. It was at Florence that she wrote "Aurora Leigh." Mrs. Browning died there in 1861, and the tablet to her memory was placed on the wall of the Casa Guidi.

SCHOOLBOY RESENTS CRITICISM.

Schoolmaster Made Defendant in a Libel Action by
His Dullest Pupil.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Tuesday.—A judgment delivered yesterday by the Court of Appeal of the Department of Ariège is interesting, as the authority of the schoolmaster in his school was at stake.

A master had written across the page of the exercise-book of one of his pupils the scathing criticism: "This scholar is an ass!" The parents of the boy brought an action against the master on the ground that the comment was of a defamatory character, not only to the pupil but to the pupil's parents.

The magistrate who heard the case gave sentence against the master, who brought the matter before the Court of Appeal. The higher Court reversed the decision of the police court, and decided that the master was within his disciplinary rights in thus criticising bad work.

TEACHERS AND FREE MEALS.

A petition was presented to the London County Council yesterday, signed by 13,440 teachers, asking that they should not be compelled to supervise the children's dinner scheme in their own time. The petition was sent to the committee.

INSURANCE MAGNATE'S WARNING.

Referring to the recent insurance crisis in America, Sir Arthur Mitchell at Edinburgh yesterday told the shareholders of the Scottish Life Assurance Company that the chief difference between British companies and those in America was that the officers in the former were subordinated to a board of directors, while in America one might exercise almost absolute power.

RUSSIAN CHARTER.

Two Assemblies To Be Summoned and
Prorogued Annually by the Tsar.

ST. PETERSBURG, Tuesday.—An Imperial manifesto is published to-day announcing the conclusion of the legislative work in connection with the re-organisation of the Council of the Empire and the changes in the constitution of the National Duma promulgated in the manifesto of October 30, 1905.

Both the Duma and the Council of the Empire, which latter will consist in future of an equal number of elected members, and members nominated by the Emperor, will be convoked and prorogued annually by Imperial Ukase.

The assemblies will have equal legislative powers, and can exercise the same initiative in introducing Bills and the same right of addressing questions to Ministers.

Every measure before being submitted for the Imperial sanction must be passed by both the Duma and the Council of the Empire, and all such as are rejected by one of the two legislative institutions will not be laid before the Tsar at all. Both the Duma and the Council have the right to annul the election of any of their members.—Reuter.

MUCH DISCUSSED ALIEN ADMITTED.

"Onix," the Russian Political Refugee, Was Allowed
To Land in England Yesterday.

"Alexander Onix," who has gained fame by a discussion in Parliament concerning him under the Aliens Act, has been allowed to land.

"Onix" is a political refugee, who is fairly well known to the authorities. After being refused admission, he was taken to Copenhagen and sent ashore. The Russian Government was immediately apprised, and an application was hurriedly made for "Onix's" extradition.

By the help of some friends, however, he was able to leave Denmark before any further action could be taken, and he reached England yesterday, and was immediately admitted.

His case will probably be brought up again in the House. His name, "Onix," is assumed, it is stated, and he is well known in Russia.

FOREIGNERS ON BRITISH VESSELS.

Shipowner Says Scandinavians Are Regarded as
More "Docile" and Sober.

Why is so large a proportion of foreigners employed on British ships? The question presents itself with greater insistence every year.

"Some shipmasters much prefer Scandinavians to British seamen on account of their greater sobriety and docility," replies Mr. R. P. Houston, M.P., of the Houston Line, to the question.

"Shipowners do not give a preference to foreign over English sailors," answers Sir Thomas Sutherland. "On the contrary, they very much prefer English sailors when they can find sober and steady men."

Mr. Houston also says that only 1 per cent. of foreigners are employed in his entire fleet.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

The death is announced of Mr. William H. Boucher, the well-known etcher and cartoonist.

A German company has bought the estate of Magdala, the birthplace of Mary Magdalen, from a Turkish pasha in straitened circumstances.

The New Zealand Rugby football team arrived at Wellington (N.Z.) yesterday, and were congratulated by the Premier on their great British success.

The negotiations at Johannesburg between the Responsible and Progressive Parties and Het Volk have terminated without an agreement having been reached.

The officials of Peking, in consequence of reports of risings against foreigners, have dispatched troops to South Pechili for the protection of Christians.

The Brussels Courts have confirmed the warrant of arrest issued against Senor Carlos Waddington, for the murder of his sister's sweetheart at the Chilian Legion.

The German Ambassador at Constantinople, under the pretext of safeguarding German interests in the island of Thasos, is pressing Turkey to concede a port to Germany to be used as a commercial and coaling station.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:—Moderate or Progressive Windy; fair to cloudy in the east; rain in parts of the west and north; very mild.

Lighting-up time, 6.47 p.m.

Sea passages will be moderate in the south and east, rather rough in the west.

KING EDWARD'S JOURNEY SOUTH.

Cordial Leave-Taking at the Terminus
minus in the French Capital.

CURIOUS RUMOUR.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Tuesday.—King Edward's short visit to Paris terminated this morning.

His Majesty rose early, and, after making full preparations for his journey, spent twenty minutes in giving instructions to his private secretary, conversing for a few moments thereafter with Sir Francis Bertie, the British Ambassador.

In bright sunshine His Majesty then drove to the Quai d'Orsay Station, where he arrived at 9.30. The entrance to the station and the lift leading to the departure platform were decorated with plants and flowers, and red carpet was laid to the carriage.

Prince D'Arenberg, vice-president of the Orleans Railway Company, advanced as soon as the King descended from his carriage, and was thanked for the arrangements made.

In the royal waiting-room his Majesty shook hands with Mr. Rouvier, the Premier, and conversed with him for a few moments. Then, walking to the lift, his Majesty was conveyed to the platform, where he shook hands with a number of those in waiting, and entered his saloon carriage.

Cheers were raised as the train slowly left the station, and the King responded by raising his hat.

GUEST OF KING ALFONSO.

His Majesty arrived at Biarritz shortly after seven o'clock.

The furnishing of the royal apartments at the Hotel du Palais, Biarritz, was completed yesterday.

The suite is on the first floor, facing the sea. The dining-room is treated in semi-Gothic style, although most of the furniture is Louis XV. pattern. Opening out of the dining-room is the sitting-room, fitted up as a study in Louis XVI. style. Next is the bedroom, in Empire style, the walls being hung with light green silk.

Although he will sleep at the hotel to-night, the King will probably not take up his residence there for several days. His Majesty will go to-morrow to San Sebastian, where he is to be the guest of the King of Spain at the Miramar Palace for two or three days.

A curious story is published in the evening papers. It is said to be commonly reported at Biarritz and Bayonne that the King is interested in a scheme for building an English winter resort to be called Edwardville. Numerous sumptuous villas, hotels, and a casino, it is said, are to be built.

KING ALFONSO'S SURPRISE TRIP.

King Alfonso's rush up to Angoulême to meet Princess Henry of Battenberg and Princess Ena was a surprise to all concerned.

Few had any idea who he was when his Majesty arrived at the station, and he hailed a cab and had a drive round the town during the hour which he had to wait until the arrival of the Sud Express.

The surprise and pleasure of Princess Ena when he boarded the train were evident.

"You see, I prepared a little surprise for you," he was heard to say.

At Bordeaux, where the train stopped for ten minutes, the English and Spanish Consuls were on the platform, and his Majesty shook hands with the Spaniard, and saluted the Englishman in military fashion.

"I'm very much obliged to you for coming here," he said, "but don't take any further notice of me."

THE QUEEN POSTPONES HER JOURNEY.

Everything was in readiness for the departure of Queen Alexandra from St. Pancras to Sandringham yesterday, but the journey was unexpectedly postponed until to-day.

MISS TERRY'S NEW "SHAW" PART.

The origin of "Captain Brassbound's Conversion," Mr. Bernard Shaw's new play, in which Miss Ellen Terry will appear at the Court Theatre this month, is interesting.

"There will soon be nobody to write plays for me," she laughingly remarked to the dramatist a few years ago, when she became a grandmother. "Oh, I will write you a play," said Mr. Shaw, and he did, giving her, it is understood, one of her finest parts.

NATAL REBELS SUBDUED.

MAPUMULO (Natal), Tuesday.—Yesterday's operations by Colonel Lechras to troops were effective. The natives are no longer truculent, and no further resistance is expected. Gombiemi's cattle and a number of assegais have been brought in.—Reuter.

THE DUKE AND THE CHICAGO BEAUTY.

Duke of Atholl Denies an American-Made Rumour.

A "PURE LIE."

"Pure lie.—Atholl."

In this telegram of Spartan brevity the Duke of Atholl, replying to the inquiry of the *Daily Mirror*, disposed of a statement, made in Chicago yesterday, that his Grace was about to marry Mrs. Potter Palmer, one of the most beautiful women of her day in America, and an ornament of the society of Chicago.

Mrs. Palmer, it was stated by the "Chicago Inter-Ocean," was engaged in buying an extensive trousseau, and the announcement of the engagement was generally received as accurate in the city of the stockyards. How the report originated is a mystery.

Mrs. Potter Palmer has had a curious and interesting history. She came of a quite undistinguished family of French extraction in Louisville, Kentucky, and was born early in the 1850's. Beautiful and clever, nobody was greatly surprised when Mr. Potter Palmer, already a wealthy man, and many years her senior, made her his wife in 1871.

Mr. Potter Palmer was a genius in his way, and the proprietor of the Palmer House Hotel, Chicago, which was for some years the biggest hotel in the United States. He was the first hotel proprietor to start an all-night barber's shop, a great convenience to the Chicagoan "cow-punchers" who were the staple of his guests, and had to get early to work.

He made his shavings famous among the wide world over by paying it with silver dollars, and

WAITRESSES TOO PRETTY.

"Cabin Girls" Reprimanded for Looking Too Charming.

London's prettiest waitresses are accused of being too charming, and as a result of this dreadful indictment a managerial appeal was issued yesterday to the "Cabin girls"—as the waitresses at the popular restaurants of Cabins, Limited, are generally known—not to be guilty of extravagant taste in the matter of their coiffure.

Cross-grained old gentlemen and ladies of uncertain age have actually complained to the management that they object to being waited upon at table by girls "with their hair dressed just as if they were going to a theatre or a ball."

The result of the managerial manifesto was that not a result of the Cabin waitresses yesterday looked a trifle demure, but not a whit less charming, with tresses coiled nearer the head instead of towering up like a matinee hat.

"We try to please all our customers—not one particular class," said Mr. H. E. Cohen, the managing director of Cabins, Limited, to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, "but apparently it is impossible."

"Complaints have reached us that some of our girls dress their hair in extravagant fashion, and that they need to be reminded that they are only waitresses after all. We must take notice of what customers say, and the majority, I believe, like to be waited upon by girls who are always bright and cheerful and of ladylike appearance."

"Naturally, we do not care to appear too dictatorial as to the way in which they should dress their hair, but I have been obliged to intimate that they must not go to the extravagant lengths that some have done—too high in the front and all round."

"Some time ago we had to send out a round robin prohibiting them from wearing jewellery because customers objected, and now we are

SOBER ENGLAND.

Drink Bill Going Down by Millions Each Year.

CYCLES HELP THE REFORM

John Bull is showing an increasing tendency to shun the flowing bowl. Once a hard drinker, and a kind of "horrid example" to other nations, he is in a fair way to becoming a model of sobriety.

This fact was stated with some emphasis by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Budget speech last year, and a ripple of surprised comment ran round the country. But most people were inclined to be sceptical as to the possibility of the tendency being other than temporary and accidental.

The optimists, however, have been justified in rejoicing, as the returns for 1905 now show. Dr. Dawson Burns, by means of a convincing array of statistics in the "Times," shows that there has been a marked decrease for six consecutive years in the amount of intoxicating liquors consumed.

Temperance party agitators, however, need not too hurriedly assume that this is the result of their exhortations.

Cycle as Temperance Agent.

The cycle, in fact, appears to be a more effective agent than any philanthropic or political organisation. Cyclists soon learn that the water or moderate drinker has better staying power than the man who calls at most of the inns on the way; and pedestrians, who in these days of athletic revival, are an increasing body, learn the same lesson.

The average expenditure a head on intoxicating liquors last year was £3 15s. 11d. As children take extremely little, and there are hundreds of thousands of abstemious, these outside the ranks of moderate drinkers who raise the average to this high figure, must consume quantities to be classed as "prodigious."

Scotsmen and Irishmen, it appears, notwithstanding the reputation that clings to them, drink considerably less than Englishmen—£3 9s. 9d. a head for Scotland and £3 0s. 10d. for Ireland as against £3 19s. 10d. for England—although they take a larger proportion of spirits.

Contrasts in Cities.

Even Glasgow, so often held up as a baleful example, drinks less than Liverpool, with a slightly smaller population, and very little more than Birmingham, the population of which is far below that of the Scotch commercial capital.

There has also, it is worthy of note, been a reduction in the amount spent on alcohol in the nineteen London general hospitals.

The reduction in the cost per patient is shown for three hospitals as follows:—

	1904.	1905.
King's College	1s. 3d.	2s. 9d.
St. George's	1s. 9d.	3s. 1d.
St. George's	1s. 11d.	4s. 9d.

Popular is the only hospital showing an increase, the figures being for 1904 1s. 6d. per head, and 1s. 11d. for 1905.

DANGERS OF GAS IN TRAINS.

Government Inspectors Report on an Accident in Which an Express Was Derailed.

"This accident furnishes, therefore, another instance showing the undesirability of the employment of gas as an illuminant for trains and the superiority of electricity for that purpose."

The above comment is made by Lieut.-Colonel von Donop, R.E., on the accident in which a Great Central Railway passenger train was derailed, by a broken rail, in Catesby Tunnel, between Charwelton and Willoughby.

Three of the vehicles on the train were lighted by gas, points out the inspector, and the lights in them were extinguished, this resulting in an escape of gas. Fortunately, the officials took prompt measures to keep all naked lights from these compartments, "but it is terrible to contemplate what might have been if an explosion had occurred, and the carriages had caught fire in the tunnel."

JUDGE OBJECTS TO LADY'S SMILES.

An elderly woman, who was defendant in Southwark County Court yesterday, and whose face resembled that of Dan Leno's in a favourite "make-up," persisted in smiling at Judge Addison, greatly to the amusement of the Court.

"Don't grin at me," ordered the Judge sternly. "All right," was the cool response, "I won't say another word," a retort which made his Honour threaten her with prison.

KEPT AWAKE BY MOTOR-OMNIBUSES.

A petition has been addressed to the Westminster City Council by the inhabitants of Warwick-street, Finsbury, complaining of the noise and inconvenience caused by the motor-omnibuses running up to nearly 2 a.m.

It is averred that the new vehicles are damaging property in this narrow street.

NEW YORKSHIRE SECT.

Primitive Methodist Preachers Secede to Expound a Strange Doctrine.

A new religion, known as "The Millennial Dawn," is attaining a very remarkable popularity at Otley, not many miles from Leeds.

The sect preaching this doctrine styles itself "The Church of Christ," and is led by three Primitive Methodist clergymen, who recently seceded from that faith.

They explained in their letters of resignation that they do not believe in the immortality of the soul. Basing their belief on the text, "The wages of sin is death," they hold that the worst punishment that can befall a sinner is soul annihilation.

Those who are not so punished are only laid to sleep in the grave when they die. When the millennial day shall come they will begin another life—a life of rest for an everlasting existence.

Elders have been appointed in the new sect, who entertain strange notions of Heaven and new theories of the Garden of Eden. They claim to be the elect; there are between thirty and forty adherents to the new religion at Otley, and it is already occasioning a good deal of dissension in families.

ENGLISH HORSES SUPREME.

Critics and Buyers from All Parts of the World at the Great Hackney Show at Islington.

With the exception of Russia, all the Great Powers were represented at the Agricultural Hall yesterday to inspect and purchase English horses.

It was the opening of the twenty-second Hackney Show, and the very best harness horses which England can produce, and they are the best in the world—were on exhibition.

In spite of the coming of the motor-car there is no falling-off in the breeding of this most useful class of horse. On the contrary, the exhibits this year number 660, an increase of nearly 100 on last year's total.

The amount of prize money is £1,685, against £1,460 in 1905. The English Hackney Show has become the largest of its kind in the world, and at Islington were buyers who had come especially from the United States, South America, Germany, Italy, France, and nine other countries.

MENACE TO BRITISH CATTLE.

Breeders Urge the Danger of Foreign Animals Being Conveyed About the Country.

A deputation of representatives of eighty-eight societies of agriculturists yesterday laid a case before Earl Carrington, President of the Board of Agriculture, urging the desirability of not interposing the present restrictions on the importation of Canadian cattle.

Their objection was to allowing foreign cattle to be conveyed about the country with a possibility of spreading disease. If the cattle were killed, as now, at the Port of London, there was no objection to their being imported.

Earl Carrington stated that as a free trader he must say that if he thought there was any form of protection lurking behind the request of the deputation he would hold up both hands against it and admit foreign cattle freely.

There was a great deal of interest in the subject, and suggestions on both sides had been poured into the Board of Agriculture. This was not, however, merely a domestic question but an imperial question of very high importance, and the feeling in Canada against the present embargo on Canadian cattle was very strong.

He promised to lay the arguments of the deputation before his colleagues.

SALE OF SAMBOURNE CARTOONS.

Those on Social or General Subjects More Popular Than the Political.

Nearly 170 of Mr. Linley Sambourne's original drawings for "Punch" were sold for £253 by Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson, and Hodge yesterday.

The majority of the cartoons were of a political character, but these were not notably popular, a decided preference being shown for the social or general cartoon.

The highest price of the sale—five guineas—was given for three charming little drawings—the "Preface," "Vignette," and "Finis" to Volume 118. The sale will be concluded to-day.

FAMINE IN BRIAR ROOT.

Consul Murphy, of Bordeaux, states that the supply of "French" briar root is practically exhausted. The product, which formerly came from the Department of the Landes and from near the frontier in the Pyrenees, is now obtained in Scotland exclusively.

DUKE OF ATHOLL'S CURT DENIAL OF AMERICAN RUMOUR.

B or C		POST OFFICE	TELEGRAPHS	No. of Telegram
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		PURE LIE ATHOLL.		Service Instructions

In contradiction of the statement that Mrs. Potter Palmer, a leader of Chicago society, was engaged to be married to him, the Duke of Atholl sent the above telegram to the "Daily Mirror."

realised a huge fortune by cornering sewing-cotton during a famine of that material.

Another of his little lies—"the flea in the lock." He insisted on all hotel accounts being settled daily, and to ensure respect for the rule sent a man round the hotel every morning with a basket of iron spikes, called "fleas," which were inserted in the locks of all defaulters, who were thus forced to present themselves at the hotel office and pay, or to lose their beds and whatever luggage they possessed.

When Mr. Potter Palmer's health failed, Mrs. Potter assumed the management of the hotel, the popularity of which extended under her autocratic, but tactful, sway. She is a woman with something of a grand manner, and is sometimes called "the only lady in Chicago."

The Duke of Atholl, who has so emphatically denied the rumoured engagement, is a great Highland chieftain, a widower now in his sixty-sixth year. At Blair Atholl, his castle, he maintains a bodyguard of 228 officers and men, all of gigantic stature. His heir is the Marquis of Tullibardine.

Another British peer has been victimised by American "news-gatherers." It was reported yesterday that Lord Rosebery had sold his collection of Burns MSS. to Mr. Pierpont Morgan for £10,000. "No foundation" was his lordship's reply to an inquiry.

GUARDIANS' EXPENSIVE "FAMILY."

Mr. Maclean, M.P., has asked the President of the Local Government Board if his attention has been drawn to the report to the Bermondsey Guardians that the average cost of educating and maintaining the Poor-law children of Bermondsey in the village community at Shirley, was, during 1904, £1 11s. 1d. per child per week, and that in January, 1906, the community was costing the ratepayers £625 per week.

MR. BALFOUR'S GRATITUDE.

Writing to the City of London Corporation Association, Mr. Balfour regrets that illness delayed the public expression of his gratitude for the support given to him at the recent election.

thinking of doing away with the canary-coloured apron."

This innovation, however, the *Daily Mirror* learnt, has no terrors for the Cabin girls. What they will stoutly protest against is the introduction of white collars and cuffs.

STUMBLING BLOCK TO TRADE.

How the Tediuous Morocco Conference Hinders Good Relations with Germany.

"If only the Algeiras Conference could be quietly got out of the way, or if it would come to some satisfactory conclusion," said Sir William Holland at the forty-sixth annual meeting of the Association of Chambers of Commerce in Whitehall Rooms yesterday, "our relations with Germany might improve."

A discussion took place on a motion dealing with foreign tariffs.

It was proposed to ask the Government to obtain the abolition or reduction of tariffs imposed by foreign countries, and to receive a deputation on the subject.

Lord Avebury said he would not like to see the Associated Chambers in a position in which they were sure to receive a serious rebuff from the Government.

Mr. Felix Schuster also opposed the motion, and Sir Albert Rolit said he could not support it.

Lord Brassey protested against this reopening of the fiscal question.

In reply the mover withdrew the clause requesting the Government to receive a deputation, and thus reduced to a mere expression of opinion, it was passed by a majority of seven.

HIGH-PRESSURE PIECE-WORK.

The conference of the United Government Workers' Federation yesterday discussed the evils of piece-work in Woolwich Arsenal.

Mr. Freolve said that the high pressure of piece-work was getting worse and worse, and the strain was telling on the employees.

FURNITURE ON "HIRE SYSTEM."

Tearful Evidence of Lady Boarding-House Keeper.

SOBS DISTRESS THE COURT

The strange allegations made by two Eastbourne young ladies, who used to be in business in a large way as boarding-house keepers, against Messrs. Oetzman and Co., the Hampstead-road furniture dealers, underwent a further investigation yesterday.

Miss Ellen Jewell, one of the sisters, spent the whole day in the witness-box, and, while at times making the Court laugh by her ready west-country wit and smiling repartees to counsel, at other periods broke into fits of sobbing.

When she sobbed her mother and sisters, who were sitting side by side under the witness-box, sobbed also, and there was a chorus of weeping which made everybody feel distressed and uncomfortable.

During one of Miss Ellen's fits of emotion a cat from one of the Judges' rooms walked into the witness-box and appeared to be trying to express its sympathy with the weeping witness.

Miss Jewell repeated her counsel's story of the day before. She told how, on the instigation of a gentleman from Messrs. Oetzman's, "who came to our house too much, and made himself our friend," she furnished four other houses on the



MISS ELLEN JEWELL.

Grand-parade with furniture supplied by Messrs. Oetzman. Also how she and her sister Annie, being behindhand with instalments for the furniture, gave to Messrs. Oetzman for a monetary consideration, the control of furniture brought to Eastbourne from their old home at Ilfracombe.

One of her sobbing fits attended her recital of the manner in which her signature to the document dealing with the Ilfracombe furniture was obtained.

A gentleman came from London and said:—

"You two girls have had your own way long enough, and now we are going to have our way. If you do not sign this paper we will bring you to ruin. You will be ruined girls. If you do not sign, to-morrow will be the worst Christmas Eve you ever spent in your life. We will send our vans down, and clear you out, and after we have taken our things we will take everything of yours for the £1,500 which is in arrears. Is it not wise to sign this paper, and keep your nice home open?"

"I told him that I should go into the town and get advice," Miss Jewell continued, "and then he offered to take off £10—£50—£70—£100—£125 in succession. He said: 'Don't go telling everybody of your affairs. We will be your friends.'"

Judge Recommends Lunch.

More sobbing came when Miss Jewell described how the long line of pantechnicons drew up before her houses, and how men proceeded to demand the production of receipts for rent. Some of these receipts were not forthcoming, she said, and the furniture men's leader said that, as this condition had not been complied with, he must have the furniture or the money that represented it.

"My landlady, Mr. Simmonds, was there," the sobbing lady went on, "and he asked the man how much money would satisfy him. Would he take £2,000? The man replied that he must have £3,500.

The witness's sobs had now become so distressing that the Judge adjourned the Court half an hour before the usual lunch interval in order that she might recover herself.

"Go and have some lunch," he said kindly.

There were further sobs in store after the adjournment. Miss Jewell again broke down when she told how her houses were "cleared out." The furniture men took everything, she said, including some forks lent by neighbours in order that she and her sisters might eat their dinner. Even the notices in the windows to attract boarders were taken.

So she was left with empty houses and rent to pay. Her sobs came thick and fast as she told the Court about the emptiness after her former prosperity. She had in one year made £1,000, and she had entertained people with titles.

The case was adjourned.

RISKS OF MEDICAL MEN.

Doctor's Defence to the Charge of Carrying Infection to a Patient.

The defence of Dr. Currie, the Ealing practitioner who is accused of introducing scarlet fever into the home of Mr. W. F. Crier, an Ealing auctioneer, whilst attending the latter's wife, was placed before Mr. Justice Lawrence and a special jury in the King's Bench Division yesterday.

On the doctor's behalf, Mr. McCall, K.C., said that Dr. Currie, before calling on Mrs. Crier, thoroughly washed himself and changed his coat.

The jury, said counsel, would hear from medical gentlemen, who would give expert evidence, that under those circumstances it was actually impossible, according to practical experience, that he should have imparted infection.

As to attending the two children from whom he is said to have received the contagion, he merely testified himself that they were suffering from scarlet fever, and ordered their removal. He did not "attend" them.

Dr. Currie, who bore out this statement, said that before visiting Mrs. Crier, he not only disinfected himself at his own house, but repeated the process at the residence of Mr. Crier. It was not found by practice, he observed in cross-examination, that doctors did carry infection. The case was adjourned.

BETRAYED BY AN AFGHAN.

Judge Tells Coloured Doctor That He Deserves "a Thundering Good Horsewhipping."

To an Afghan doctor, Devi Dayal Sanan by name, who practises at Walthamstow, and was a prosecutor at the Old Bailey, Mr. Justice Grantham read a severe lecture yesterday.

The prisoner was Charles Frederick Vine, who pleaded guilty to stabbing the doctor, but it was stated that the Afghan had enticed Vine's wife away from her home, and the wronged husband, finding his children motherless, was driven to desperation.

The doctor, said the Judge, had behaved disgracefully, and if the prisoner had given him a thundering good horsewhipping it would have served him right.

His Lordship liberated Vine on his own recognisances.

DOCTOR CRUELLY DEFAMED.

Recorder, While Binding the Offender Over, Expresses Sympathy with the Practitioner.

A somewhat curious case of defamatory libel was dealt with by the Recorder at the Old Bailey yesterday.

The accused was Charles Foxley, formerly a postmaster, who once lived at Littleheath, and his offence was that he had stated that whilst Dr. Arthur Robert Waddell lived at Potters Bar, near Enfield, he had given of drunkenness and negligence.

The doctor, who is almost a teetotaler, denied these allegations, which, it was stated, had extended over a long period.

Foxley withdrew the charges, and, in binding him over, the Recorder said he hoped the doctor would not suffer from these unfounded accusations.

WORKMEN MUST BE PROTECTED.

Employers Must Not Fail To Insure Their Employees Being Properly Safeguarded.

By awarding £60 and costs to George Shepherd, of Oswald-street, Clapton, against Messrs. Joseph Haydon and Sons, of Durham Works, Hackney-road, Judge Smyly, in Shoreditch County Court yesterday, emphasised an important point regarding employers' liability.

The firm were under contract to rebuild the Friars Mount Board-school. Shepherd was engaged in pointing the bricks on a scaffold 40ft. from the ground when his chisel slipped and he fell to the ground and was severely injured.

Judge Smyly, in his judgment, said he could not state that the plaintiff had contributed to the accident.

He had been sent to do the work by someone who should have known that it was dangerous, and as there was evidence that a guard had subsequently been fixed it was obvious that a guard was necessary.

ONLY A PENNY IN THE WORLD.

"Half a crown! I've only one penny in the world," sobbed an elderly woman, fined yesterday at Willesden for drunkenness. A stranger in court, touched by her distress, paid the fine.

VICTIM TO "CHRONICLED" RHEUMATISM.

A defendant in the Clerkenwell County Court yesterday pleaded that he "suffered awful from chronicled rheumatism."

SIR W. GATACRE DEAD.

Three Celebrated People Pass Away In One Day.

SOLDIER ENGLISHWOMAN.

Death has been busy the last twenty-four hours. Three people, each notable in a different way, have passed away in the persons of Sir William Gatacre, the unfortunate general of the South African war; Mr. Robinson, head of the famous Regent-street drapery firm of Robinson and Cleaver; and Signora Jessie White Mario, who took a great part in the Italian revolutionary movement.

Sir William Gatacre died suddenly at Gambela, in the Upper Soudan. He was a brilliant but unfortunate general, who just missed greatness largely by ill-luck. He was only twenty-three when, in connection with the Hazara Expedition, he was mentioned in dispatches for conspicuous personal bravery; but he was fifty-one years old before he got his real chance. Then, with the Chitral Relief Force under Lord Roberts, he did brilliant work, coming out with a C.B.

A K.C.B. well won in Egypt placed him still higher, but it was in South Africa, that grave of military reputations, his ill-luck declared itself. His splendidly plucky attempt to rush Stormberg by a night attack, with a fatigued and insufficient force, was a heavily-punished error of judgment. His subsequent disaster at Reddersburg lost him the confidence of Lord Roberts, and, during the remainder of the campaign, he never found another chance. He retired in 1904.

As an officer he was a tremendous martinet, and his partiality for forced marches earned for him, in the ranks, the sobriquet of "Bill Backacher." But his men loved him, for he asked his men to do nothing he was not willing to do himself.

Founded Robinson and Cleaver's.

A less exciting, but in its way not less remarkable life, was that of Mr. Robinson, who, starting from a humble position, established a great linen industry, which now employs over 2,000 hands at Belfast, besides 1,000 employed in cottage looms in Ireland. The business was founded by Mr. Robinson and his partner thirty-six years ago, with one or two assistants. The Regent-street retail branch is one of the best-known shops in London.

In December, 1900, the business was formed into a limited liability company, at a purchase price of £250,000.

The registers of the firm's customers contain no fewer than sixty-nine imperial and royal crowns heads, Eastern potentates, and members of Royal Families, together with nearly 5,000 people mentioned in Debsert. Altogether the register includes between five and six hundred thousand names.

Romance of an Amazon.

Signora Mario was English by birth but Italian by sympathy. The daughter of a Cowes boat-builder, named White, she left England in her youth, and in Italy met the Marquis of Garibaldi's officers, she plunged actively into the struggle for liberty, and managed to get herself locked up by the Papal police.

Jessie White Mario went through the whole of the exciting campaign in the two Sicilies, and rode up to Naples through Calabria with the invincible red shirts.

The Franco-German war found her with Garibaldi as inspector of ambulances at his headquarters.

She was a little woman, blue-eyed and freckled, speaking French and Italian well.

She had a good seat in the saddle, which she sat in the orthodox feminine fashion. She smoked big cigars and drank like a man.

WAR AGAINST VULGAR POSTCARDS.

Mr. Curtis Bennett Threatens To Send to Prison All Shopkeepers Offering Them for Sale.

"If shopkeepers persist in this evil traffic after the warnings they have received I shall send them to prison for three months' hard labour."

This stern announcement was made yesterday by Mr. Curtis Bennett at Marylebone Police Court, where he had to deal with three Paddington tradesmen who were accused of trafficking in picture postcards which were not of a proper nature, and a large number of which had been seized and destroyed by the police.

The magistrate, after an appeal from Mr. Muskett, on behalf of the Commissioner of Police, to put down the trade with the strong arm of the law, said the business was a nuisance one, in regard to which the headmasters of public schools had made a special appeal to the Government.

"BROKE" WORKHOUSE TO POACH.

It was alleged against three paupers at Windsor yesterday that they broke out of the local workhouse and were arrested whilst poaching on the King's preserves. They were remanded in custody.

WELSH LIBERAL LEADER.

Sir Alfred Thomas Defendant in a Strange Suit Brought by His Brother.

Sir Alfred Thomas, who is M.P. for East Glamorgan, and chairman of the Welsh Liberal Party, and lives at Bronwydd, Cardiff, is the defendant in a remarkable case commenced yesterday in the Chancery Division before Mr. Justice Joyce.

The plaintiff is the defendant's brother, Joseph William Thomas, who wishes to have set aside "a certain transaction, on the ground of undue influence," and also asserts that improper advantage has been taken of his state of health and enforced absence in an asylum.

Mr. Thomas, explained Mr. Hughes, K.C., had from time to time been subjected to mental derangement, in consequence of which he was detained at Barnwood House, near Gloucester, from January, 1884, till September, 1886, and from May, 1887, till March, 1890.

The contention was that during these periods Mr. Thomas's practice as an analyst had been sold, and the money used without his authority for paying off a mortgage.

Mr. Thomas also desires to have set aside the sale of Bronwydd by him to Sir Alfred for £1,000, on the ground that at the time the latter was trustee for Mr. Thomas, over whom, it is alleged, he exercised an influence attributed to mesmerism or hypnotism.

Mr. Needham stated in evidence that Mr. Thomas was under the impression that his friends were in combination against him, and that he was subjected to mesmeric influence which coerced him and prevented him from doing what he wanted.

His Lordship asked if Sir Alfred had any objection to an action being taken.

Mr. Isaacs: Not in the slightest degree. Sir Alfred and his advisers have not pleaded the Statute of Limitations or any thing of that sort. Regular accounts have been rendered to the plaintiff by a Mr. Roberts, and criticised by him. Sir Alfred's position is that he never had to account to his brother for these matters, because they were lent to Mr. Roberts.

The case was adjourned.

WELL-KNOWN BREWER'S SON.

Fortune of £12,000 Said to Have Gone in Extravagant Living.

On behalf of Mr. Maxwell Tetley, of The Rosary, Henley-on-Thames, an application for discharge was made in the London Bankruptcy Court yesterday.

The debtor, it was reported, was the son of the late Mr. Francis William Tetley, the well-known brewer of Leeds, under whose will he became entitled, on attaining his majority, to about £12,000, and also to a further share in the estate on the death of his mother.

It was submitted that he had brought on his bankruptcy by unjustifiable extravagance in living.

To meet his liabilities, estimated at over £5,000, he was expected to be able to pay a dividend of 4s. in the £, and his discharge was granted subject to a judgment of £50.

SCENE AT A DANCE.

Amateur Sculler and Stockbroker Fined £5 for an Assault at the Empress Rooms, Kensington.

An assault during a dance at the Empress Rooms, Kensington, arising out of singular circumstances, was investigated yesterday at West London Police Court, when Mr. Guy Rixon, stockbroker and amateur sculler, was fined £5 for striking Mr. William Cochrane.

There was a dispute, according to the story for the prosecution, about the price of a ticket, and Mr. Rixon struck Mr. Cochrane on the forehead, cutting it to the bone.

In cross-examination Mr. Cochrane denied that he was in the habit of going to dances without tickets or that he had boasted that he could get into any dance in London without a ticket. He had gone to a dance on Shrove Tuesday without paying his 10s. 6d., but his name was on the list, and that was equivalent to a ticket. He should have sent the money on, but the secretary was rude to him, and he refused to pay till he had had an apology. Mr. Rixon's case was that there was an ordinary fight. The magistrate said the scene was scandalous in such a place, and expressed sympathy with neither side.

MR. MARCONI'S BEREAVEMENT.

The following announcement appeared in yesterday's "Times":—

MARCONI.—On March 2, at 34, Charles-street, Mayfair, Lucia, infant daughter of the Chevalier and Madame Marconi.

The baby was born only on February 5. The inventor's wife is half-sister of Lord Inchiquin, and the marriage took place last year.

An Aldershot telegram states that it is reported that a great mobilisation of between forty and fifty thousand troops takes place at Aldershot next June.

EXTRAVAGANT "FREAK" DINNERS.

London Restaurant Manager's
Striking Figures.

RUSSIANS PAY MOST.

Several more "freak" dinners, on which thousands of pounds will be spent, are to be given in London during the next few weeks, showing how little prospect there is of a reduction in the extravagance of living, despite the Bishop of Birmingham's protest.

M. Noble, the manager of the Gaiety Restaurant, who has catered for millionaires for years, told the *Daily Mirror* yesterday that so long as wealthy persons have something provided for them, that is only procurable at a great expense they are satisfied.

A short time ago he had to telegraph an order to Paris to have a wild boar shot for one dinner; while such items as chickens, small birds fed on grapes, small bundles of asparagus at 30s. each, and pate de foie gras at 30s., are included in a large number of menus.

The following illustrates the daily state of affairs at some of the large London hotels:—

400 diners, 5s. per head.
200 diners, 10s. 6d. to 15s. per head.
50 diners, £1 1s. per head.
6 diners, £2 2s. and over per head.

Russians Take the Lead.

The Russian is the most expensive diner. An ordinary dinner will cost him 30s. for food and a similar amount for wine. The average wealthy Englishman will spend only 7s. 6d. for food but 25s. for wines. On the contrary, the Parisian's food costs him 18s. and his wine bill but 5s.

One hotel chef in London gets a yearly salary of £1,500 and another, one of £1,000. Many other good chefs have an income of £800, and there are nearly 100 men in London engaged at clubs and private houses at £500 each a year.

"SNAPSHOT" PRIZEWINNER.

Lieut.-Colonel Barrow, of the Royal United Service Institution, Secures a "Daily Mirror" Award.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. E. Barrow, of the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall, has won our weekly prize of two guineas for the excellent snapshot of the condemned Chinamen in a cage. The counting of our readers' votes resulted as follows:—

Votes.
No. 15.—Chinamen in a cage. Sent in by Colonel Barrow 1,663
No. 12.—Railway carriage as vestry at Parkstone. Sent in by Mr. J. E. Mason, 2, Fernville, First Avenue, Dovercourt. 970
No. 14.—Ingenious gateway for cycles at East Guildford. Sent in by Mr. Ernest Bongers, 15, Bellais-avenue, Stratham Hill 842

The fact that several thousand voting coupons were filled up and posted by readers of the *Daily Mirror* shows the keen interest which our competition is exciting among amateur photographers.

The amateur photograph published on page 9 of the *Daily Mirror* this morning is by a sailor, Mr. George Hooke, who is master-at-arms on H.M.S. Achernon. It shows Jack-tars mustering their kits for inspection.

The rules of the competition are as follows:—
For every photograph used we shall pay 10s. 6d. and, in addition, a prize of £2 2s. will be awarded every week to the person sending in the photograph which our readers consider the best.

Each reader may send in as many votes as he likes. All votes for this week must reach us on or before the first post Tuesday, the 13th inst.

D.M. PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION.

"I vote for the photograph numbered, considering it the best amateur photograph published in the 'Daily Mirror' during the week ending March 10, 1906.

Voter's Name

Address

No negatives should be sent in. Only prints will be considered.

Each photograph should bear upon the back the competitor's name and address and the word "Competition," and be enclosed in an envelope marked "Photograph Competition."

A stamped and addressed envelope must be sent with each photograph if the sender desires it to be returned, but in no case will the Editor be responsible for the loss of photographs.

In order to simplify our system of book-keeping we shall only pay the money on the application of the photographer, who must cut his picture out of the *Daily Mirror*, and send it in with his request for payment.

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LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

Fifty-one lots of shorthorn cattle, bred by the King, realised 2,966 guineas at Wolferton Farm, Sandringham, yesterday, a red bull, "Pride of Sunshine," fetching the highest price, 400 guineas.

An attack of influenza prevented the Bishop of Southwark from preaching yesterday at Bow Church.

His visit to his mother, the Duchess of Albany, at Claremont, being concluded, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg left for Germany yesterday.

The funeral of Frederick W. Goodward, who served with the naval brigade in the trenches before Sevastopol, took place yesterday at Southend.

There was a large congregation, including many distinguished people, at a memorial service for the late Lady Romilly, held yesterday, at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge.

Colonel Frederick Silvester, of North Hall, Wigan, who established a trust of £10,000 for the benefit of the poor of Chorley shortly before his death, has left over £5,000 to various charitable institutions.

Much relief has been caused in Belfast by the announcement by Messrs. Workman, Clark, and Co., shipbuilders, that they will accede to the demand for the increase of 1s. a week in engineers' wages from April 1.

Lord Roberts, at the seventy-fifth anniversary meeting of the Royal United Service Institution yesterday, said he was glad on this the last occasion he would be in the chair to know that the funds were in a most satisfactory condition.

"Unless work be found for us, we will march through the town and make ourselves a nuisance," said one of 300 unemployed who addressed demands to the Northampton Guardians yesterday.

Canon Knox Little has been forbidden by his doctor to give Lent addresses this year.

Two Englishmen during the last fortnight have been indulging in the sport of skiing on the heights of Inverness-shire.

Flames burst out on a motor-omnibus in Fortress-road, Kenilworth Town, yesterday, but the passengers escaped by alighting hastily, and firemen soon overcame the flames.

Under an order just issued in the West Riding the sale of plover's eggs will be prohibited after March 31, in view of the usefulness of the plover in keeping the land clear of insects.

Every outward sign of the association of Nelson and Lady Hamilton with Merton will soon pass away, the material of Lady Hamilton's house being sold yesterday, preparatory to the building of new cottages.

A boy in Darlington Workhouse, who has just passed the Cambridge junior local examination with honours in English, and recently won a county council scholarship, aspires to become a barrister.

"When you sent me for three years," said Polly Anderton to the Salford stewardess, "I merely dreamt it away; and with regard to the two months you have given me now, it's barely time to think about it."

RESULT OF A MOTOR-CAR SMASH.



While an Army officer was on his way to Aldershot down the Chiswick-road at five o'clock yesterday morning he ran into the above coal merchant's shop.—(Wakefield, Brentford.)

Twelve hundred delegates attended the Free Church Conference at Birmingham yesterday afternoon.

We have received from "H." a postal order for 1s. for Mrs. Thorogood, to whom it has been forwarded.

The Bishop of Exeter announces that he will shortly hold another confirmation service for convicts at Princetown Prison.

It is believed that the bodies of the crew are still in a submerged schooner at Boulogne, yesterday identified as the *Gauloise*.

Wakefield magistrates have decided that a warehouseman is not a workman, and therefore not entitled to workmen's tickets on trams.

A consignment of greyhounds has been dispatched from Wigan, Cumberland, for the Argentine, where there are committing much damage.

Ripon may this year hold an open-air pageant on the lines of the celebrations of 1886 and 1896, both of which attracted great crowds of sightseers.

Two inmates of Bethnal Green Workhouse, according to a return just made, died, aged ninety-six and eighty-seven respectively, during last month.

A youth displaying a waistcoat with many skull and crossbones emblems on a pale yellow background attracted much attention in Oxford-street yesterday.

A motion that the Government be requested to take an early opportunity of introducing legislation "to prevent the widespread adulteration of articles of food in general use" is to be made at the next meeting of the council of the Associated Chambers of Agriculture.

One of the two emus given by Lord Rothschild to the "miniature zoo" at Golders Hill has just died.

"The Autobiography of Mark Rutherford" has just had the unusual honour of being translated into the Bohemian language.

When charged at Wrexham with fighting, a Welshman complained that "He struck me on the mental faculties, and made me unconsciousness."

Born at sea on board the Ryndam, of the Holland-America line, Ernest Ketich was christened with champagne in the presence of the first cabin passengers.

Messrs. Cammell, Laird, and Co., Sheffield, have secured from Lord Jersey a three months' option on 200 acres of land for new works near Swansea Docks.

Mr. James Cottingham, "Father" of the local Bar in Manchester, died yesterday at Chorlton-con-Hardy at the age of eighty-eight. He was called to the Bar in 1854.

Leyton Urban Council have refused to entertain the claim of a ratepayer for compensation for gloves damaged through his taking hold of newly-painted railings enclosing a recreation ground.

Sentence of death was passed at the Derbyshire Assizes yesterday on George Allott Smith, a weaver, of Glossop, for the murder of his aunt, Ann Smith, with a rolling-pin. He was recommended to mercy.

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SPRING IS HERE.

IS it safe to say "Spring is here"? At the moment of writing there is no doubt about it. A delicious current of warm air is blowing in at the window. The sky is softly, tenderly blue.

The cat and the dog lie on opposite sides of the street, lazily revelling in the warmth and light, forgetting their ancient enmity in such unexpected enjoyment. The men and women who pass up and down glance enviously at the contented animals. They would like to bask, too. "One ought not to have to work on a day like this," they say to one another.

In their eyes is a far-away look. They are seeing, not the ugly streets, the grimy cliffs of brick that hem them in, but a green and brown hill-side, warm in the March sun, with a wide sweep of open country fading away into blue distance just where the further hills begin. In that little wood are primroses. Violets will reward you if you search that grassy bank.

Why, there is a scent of violets in the air! Not imagination, but reality. Yes, they are in the buttonholes of the City men and on the muffs or in the jackets of the typewriter girls. Everyone seems to have been seized with a sudden desire for decoration. It is the influence of spring. The birds flutter in their fine, fresh feathers. The horses' coats shine. The trees are budding. Humanity is subject to the self-same impulse.

It is "the sap rising" that accounts for the buttonholes, and the rakish cock of the hat, and the more swinging walk. The call of the world is loud in our ears to-day. How can we be content to go on pacing pavements and sitting at our desks? We want to be adventurers, pirates, soldiers of fortune, seeing life in far-off lands, opening the oyster of Prosperity with something picturesquely than a pen.

Lucky if we do not suffer a reaction from this exalted mood. Spring is a trying time in a climate like ours. It brings with it moments of unreasonable weariness, unaccountable aches and pains. It may be the sudden change from gloom to yellow gladness, the sudden gusts of warm air that cast a lassitude upon us and a feeling of physical inertia which we cannot define. Or the cause may lie yet deeper, in the mysterious effect which the season of new life has upon all living things.

There is so vast an output of vital energy on every side that it is no wonder if our own gets a little used up.

E. B.

MUSICAL ECCENTRICS.

We try very hard to persuade ourselves that we are a musical nation in spite of our drum-and-fife bands, which make a noise exactly like a carpet being beaten outside a school where children are writing on slates with squeaky slate-pencils.

We point with pride to the amount of money we pay performers of every kind to come to England. "They all come," we say with a knowing air.

Yes, and how do we treat them? If they are just good conductors or singers or pianists or violinists, we leave them severely alone. If they have any eccentricity we flock to see them—not to hear them, but to see them, mind.

The latest conductor to invade London is an Italian who is said to dance jigs and twist himself about like a contortionist, running up and down all over the platform. He is likely to have an immense vogue.

When a conductor learns to conduct standing on his head, his success in London will be colossal.

B. R.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

If only we could persuade ourselves to remain quiet when we are happy! If only we would remain still in the arm-chair as the last curl of vapour rises from a cigar that has been enjoyed! If only we would sit still in the shadows and not go indoors to write that letter! Let happiness alone. Stir not an inch; speak not a word; happiness is a coy maiden—hold her hand and be still.—*Richard Jeffries.*

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

KING EDWARD has left Paris and arrived in Biarritz, leaving the Parisian papers incessantly speculating about the "political significance" of his visit. Nothing that could be said convinced Frenchmen that the stay in Paris had only a private purpose. "It is not with impunity that one is King of England and Emperor of India," as a diplomatic person is said to have pointed out to King Edward, who complained that so much notice was paid to him when he visited the city that he could not do so as often as he would like.

The Biarritz season is now at its height. The warm weather there, a truly Southern spring, has brought any number of well-known people. The leader of society there is the Princess Frederika von Ramnigen. She is generally at Biarritz at this time of year, and also later on, in the summer, during what is called the "Spanish season," when very few English people are in the town. Just at present, of course, it is full of them, and they play golf, and go in for all their customary sports as

of Mr. Meredith's delightful Beauchamp in "Beauchamp's Career."

Patriotic Scotsmen have no doubt grow indignant at the report that Lord Rosebery has sold his wonderful collection of Burns's manuscripts to Mr. Pierpont Morgan, who is insatiably draining Europe of art treasures and antiquities to the great advantage of the Metropolitan Museum, New York. These manuscripts, it will be said, ought certainly to be in Edinburgh, there to be faithfully contemplated by lovers of the national singer, whose loose morals are excused, in the country of Puritanism, for the sake of the accent, so to speak, in which they find expression.

Perhaps our Scotch friends are a little inclined to treat Burns with a solemnity he would have been the last to desire, and that has been so ever since the day when Charles Lamb's famous Scotsman, at the dinner given in memory of Burns, protested against Lamb's regret that the great poet was not present. "That, sir," said the Scotsman, rising pompously, "were impossible, since the poet is dead." This mention of the Burns MS. recalls the

"SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE IS SAUCE FOR THE GANDER."



The Vagrants Bill, which is likely to be brought in before long as a result of the Vagrancy Committee's report, will only deal with the poor loafer. Many people think the rich loafer, too, will have to be made the subject of legislation.

faithfully as ever, only going abroad, it seems, for the climate, not in order to live in any foreign fashion.

One is very glad to hear that Mr. Maxse, the editor of the "National Review," has extricated himself from the awkward position in which he was placed by an indiscreet contributor's attack upon Lord Justice Fletcher Moulton. Editors are not, as a rule, so harshly dealt with nowadays as they were some twenty or thirty years ago. They escape gaol by making apologies. Yet apologies were formerly unavailing. Take the case of Edmund Yates, the founder and first editor of the "World."

He was imprisoned for a society paragraph that appeared in his paper. It was written by a lady very much "in the know" of all such matters, and it prophesied a certain elopement about to take place from the hunting field, and a very considerable scandal in consequence. The story was true, but "public interest" could not be pleaded, and Yates had to receive occasional calls from his friends for the next few weeks as he sat behind iron bars, which really did not "a prison make," because he had a fairly comfortable room on the other side of them. Mr. Maxse is, by the way, a son of the late Admiral Maxse, who was the original

fact that another most important literary relic, the relic of an Englishman this time, is to come up for sale at Sotheby's on March 30.

These are the letters and many of the official dispatches of Lord Bolingbroke, the brilliant statesman of Queen Anne, who negotiated the Peace of Utrecht. He is one of the neglected figures of our literature, and "who now reads Bolingbroke?" is almost a proverbial question. As a statesman, too, he was a failure—at least during his own lifetime. But he acquired a singular posthumous influence, and his "Patriot King," that plausible piece of theory about Government, was the political bible of George III.

Bolingbroke was an opportunist, the statesman of a series of emergencies, who could not invent the solid, persistent policy of a man like Walpole. His story told in connection with that of Walpole reads like the fable of the hare and tortoise over again. While Bolingbroke—accomplished, graceful fellow—was saying clever things, and putting his foot in it all round—taking such fatal steps, for instance, as that of joining the Pretender, Walpole was solidly gaining the forces of the future, letting "sleeping dogs lie," and winning—this portly old fellow that we see in Van Loo's portrait—without the aid of manners,

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

MR. FORBES-PHILLIPS AND THE CHURCH.

If Mr. Forbes-Phillips and "H. A. B." hold that Christ's body after the Resurrection was not solid and substantial, it should like one of them to explain how he could be held by the feet, as Mary Magdalene and the other Mary did (St. Matthew xxviii. 9); or how He could say to his Apostle Thomas (St. John xx. 27): "Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands, and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side, and be not faithless, but believing." S. A. FLEMING, Priory-road, West Hampstead.

Your correspondent, "H. A. B.," is sadly astray from the plain teaching of Scripture when he contends that a spiritual body is not real, corporeal, tangible.

That Christ had a real body of flesh and bones or a "spiritual body" is evidenced by his conversation on the day of his resurrection from the tomb. When He appeared to his Disciples He asked them to handle Him and see that it was really He. A "spirit" phantasma "hath not flesh and bones as ye see Me have."

Our Lord is not represented as passing through closed doors, as your correspondent avers. If he looks at the margin of his Bible he will find a more correct rendering that "Christ ceased to be seen of them." He could easily and did in fact hold their eyes that they should not see Him.

Let us accept the teaching of the Bible, not the opinions of men. FRED WILLIAMS, Lisburn-road, Aigburth, Liverpool.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

One thing is certain—the working classes will have to find the money for old age pensions, directly or indirectly. They may as well take the former course.

I suggest that the money required (for the greater part of it) be raised by means of all wage-earners (male and female) using stamped wage receipt-forms when receiving their wages. An individual receiving 10s. a week would use a form bearing a penny wage stamp. A person receiving 20s. would use a form bearing a 2d. wage stamp, and so on.

These stamped forms could easily be supplied by post offices or other Government or municipal offices. All persons (excepting criminals and "black-listers," etc.), could be eligible for pensions of 10s. per week upon attaining the age of about sixty. The giving of the stamped wage-receipt must be compulsory, like the giving of stamped receipts for amounts of £2 and upwards.

It is for the working-classes to say what they want, what they are willing to do, and how they would like to do it. Our legislators can do nothing in the matter unless we open our mouths.

Everton, Liverpool.

J. READDIE.

BOTANY IN THE BOARD SCHOOL.

"J. L. A." struck the right chord when he said that "the cultivation of the beautiful should be one of the first lessons a child should receive." Botany is a subject which specially makes a child careful. Anything which is examined by the aid of a microscope cannot be carelessly glanced at if it is to be portrayed on paper afterwards.

The study of botany, too, makes a child scrutinise very deeply to find something new, and we want our children now to use their powers of observation and so learn for themselves.

Thus from it careful habits and more thoughtful scholars are produced. That is what is required by employers in these days of rush and slovenly work.

It does not cost a teacher much time or trouble to grow her own specimens, and the children watch the changes eagerly enough. They are astonished at the developments to be seen in various plants grown in water, and when they are set to describe them composition and spelling are far more pleasantly worked in. S. STUBBS, Rotherhithe.

DO WOMEN WANT VOTES?

There are many thousands of women, especially working women, who feel most keenly the injustice of being denied the vote, while they are compelled, without any voice in the matter, to pay the heavily-increasing taxes of the country. A woman would be a better housewife, a more interesting companion for her husband, and, above all, a better mother, for taking her own responsible share in the interests of her country as well as in those of her home.

If the present Government will not move in the matter women must, not by the disturbance of meetings at the wrong time, but by every legitimate means in their power, and by a strong appeal to the reason of the people.

H. P. H., Brockham, Surrey.

IN MY GARDEN.

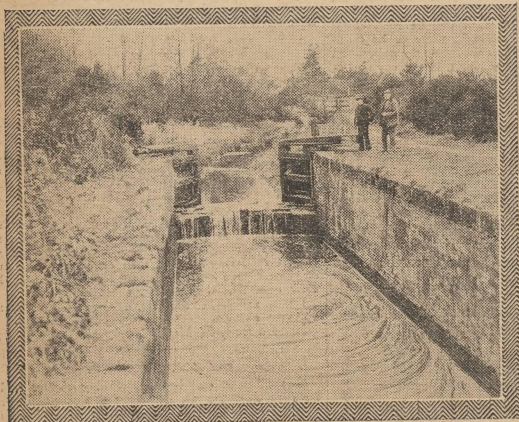
MARCH 6.—Since the time for planting is here again, let us remember that there are many plants which only do well when given a soil to their liking. Thus, the clematis prefers a chalk soil, made very rich, the failure to grow this lovely climber successfully being often due to lack of lime in the growing medium. "Cool" delights in limy soil; therefore, before sowing, some old mortar rubbish should be dug in.

The beautiful "flame-flower" of the Highlands needs a shady, cool situation, and the tubers must have peat or leaf-mould round them to hold moisture.

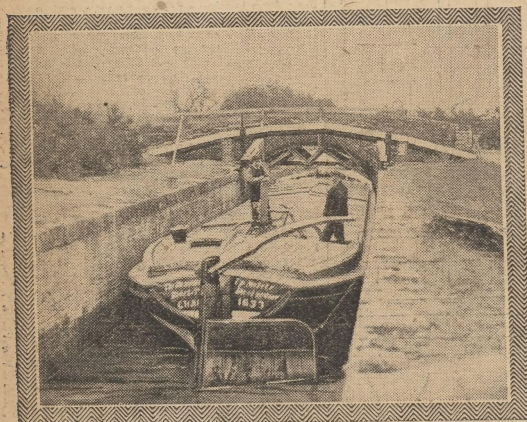
E. F. T.

NEWS VIEWS

ENGLAND'S NEGLECTED CANALS.



To bring prosperity back to the neglected waterways of England a Royal Commission has been appointed, under Lord Shuttleworth. It is expected the canals will pass from private ownership to a public body. The photograph shows the Basingstoke Canal at Brookwood; the water has run off, owing to broken locks.



This barge has been detained five weeks at Pirbright owing to an unsafe bridge being shored up.

MEALS FOR L.C.C. SCHOOL CHILDREN.



Children at the kitchen of the Cable-street, Whitechapel, Schools, preparing the meal which is served at noon for one penny or free to those who cannot pay.

LORD DALMENY, CRICKET CAPTAIN.



Lord Dalmeny, M.P., son of Lord Rosebery, has been appointed captain of the Surrey cricket team.—(Russell.)

NEW MUSICAL CONDUCTOR.



Signor Createore, at the Queen's Hall, is the most energetic and mercurial conductor ever seen in London.

ADMIRAL'S NEW POST.



Rear-Admiral Bridgeman, M.V.O., has been appointed to the Mediterranean Fleet.—(Russell.)

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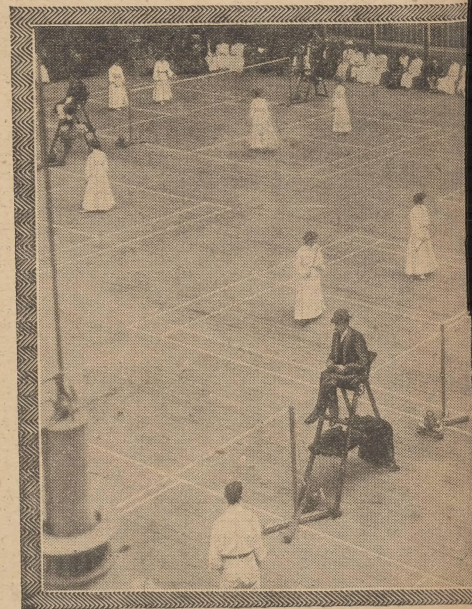
THE DUCHESS OF BEDFORD AW



(Lafayette.)

In recognition of her successful acclimatisation of deer and antelope, the Duchess of Bedford, and on the right Woburn.

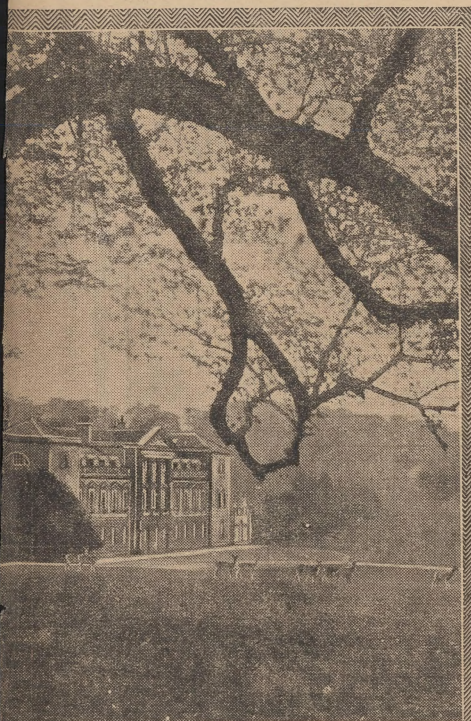
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Although hardly one of the most popular games, Badminton boars Crystal Palace.

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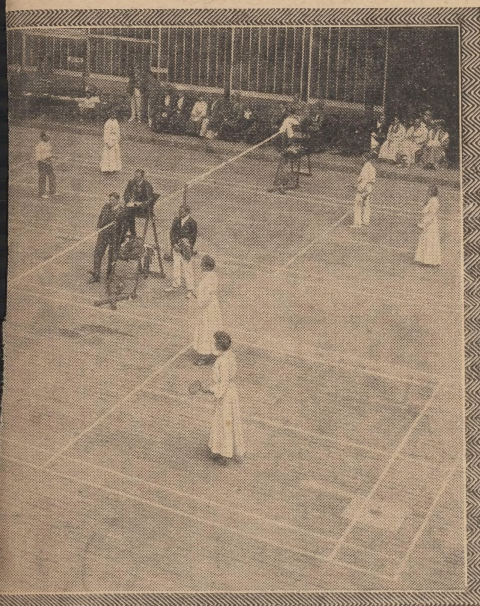
ED MEDAL BY FRENCH SOCIETY.



(J. T. Newman.)

at Woburn Abbey, the Société Nationale d'Acclimatation de France
ward at the disposal of the society. On the left is a portrait of the
where there is a wonderful collection of rare deer.

NAMENT AT THE CRYSTAL PALACE.



a championship tournament, which is being held this week at the
e.—(Russell.)

RETURN OF LORD AMPHILL.



Having completed his term as
Governor of Madras, Lord Ampthill
has returned to England.—(Elliott
and Fry.)

LADY SANDHURST ILL.



Lady Sandhurst is lying seriously ill
at her residence in Eaton-square.—
(Russell.)

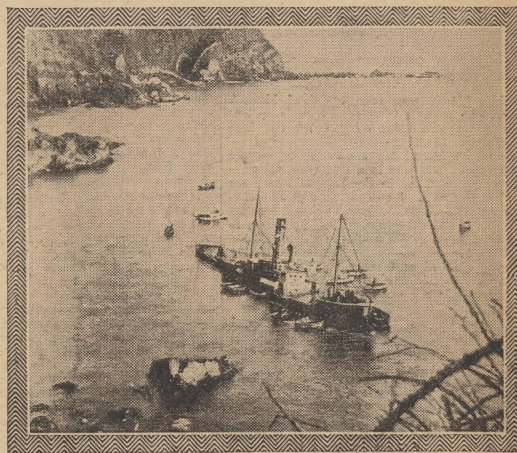
FLOWER WORTH £500.



Shown at the Royal Horticultural
Society's Exhibition, this plant, the
only one of its kind in the world, is
priced at £500.

CAMERAGRAPHS

WRECK OF THE OCEAN QUEEN.



On the wild coast of Torveval, on the island of Guernsey, the London
and Channel Islands steamship Ocean Queen has gone ashore during
dense fog. No lives have been lost, but practically the whole bottom
of the steamer has been torn out, and it is doubtful if she can be raised.
Large quantities of wreckage have been washed ashore.

CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL AT MALTA.



At Malta the first day of the carnival which precedes Lent is called
the Parata, and is exclusively set apart for children.—(Frank Wright.)

No. 24.—AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS' COMPETITION.



Amateur photographers are invited to send interesting news photo-
graphs to the *Daily Mirror*. For each one used 10s. 6d. will be paid,
and every week a £2 2s. prize will be awarded to the sender of the pic-
ture adjudged by our readers to be the best. A voting coupon is to be
found on page 6. No. 24, sent by Mr. George C. Hooke, H.M.S.
Acheron, shows sailors mustering their kits for inspection.

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By ALICE and CLAUDE ASKEW.

CHARACTERS IN THE STORY.

PAUL CHESTER, a clever, handsome young man, with great political ambitions.
LADY SUSAN CHESTER, his wife.
THE DUKE and DUCHESS OF BERKSHIRE, the coming Prime Minister and his beautiful wife.
RUPERT TEMPLE, the Duke's private secretary.
LORD ROBERT AYLMER, cousin to Lady Susan Chester, whom he loves.

CHAPTER XIV.

The big, blonde man soon expressed himself. He walked up towards Chester with the easy languorous grace which the other could not help envying him in his heart—the inborn grace of the true aristocrat—leaned his arm casually on the back of a chair, and said in a low, quiet voice:—

"My cousin was not in the least to blame for what you say. I committed a grave indiscretion—an unpardonable one, perhaps—in attempting to kiss the Duchess. I had no reason to believe that such a caress would be welcome."

He drew himself up to his full height as he spoke, and glanced at Chester steadily, then he added, with a certain fine fierceness:—

"Do you doubt my word?"
Chester shook his head.

"Of course I don't," he replied. "Besides, I think I understand enough of the Duchess's character by now to realise in what spirit she would receive—"

"My proffered kiss," Rupert interrupted him, in shrill, harsh tones; then he laughed. "I am glad you grasp the real nature of my cousin," he added. "She is not understood by everyone."

He laughed again, and beat an impatient tattoo with his fingers upon the back of the chair.

"The Duke won't hear of my resigning the post of his private secretary," he went on. "Seems to think I can give no valid excuse for leaving—as, indeed, I can't. Makes matters a bit awkward all round, doesn't it?"

He paused, then lowered his voice.

"What a fool—who knows less of a woman can always make of a man if she chooses!" he whispered. "Ruin his life and his soul. Don't let a woman get hold of you." He addressed himself to Chester with an air of challenge. "I know you are married, and I believe your wife is extremely pretty and charming," he went on hurriedly. "If so, I should advise you to go back to her, and not stay on at Helmsworth."

"You are needlessly impudent," Chester spoke with some passion, yet it struck him at the time that Rupert did not mean to be offensive, but was rather taking it on his guilty self to counsel another man against following the primrose path. "You seem to think that because you have tried to get up a hot and strong flirtation with the Duchess that you want to follow in your steps," Chester continued, "and you are warning me off the grass. But I can assure you you need not be the least alarmed. I'm not the type of man who makes love to a married woman. Besides, as you have just pointed out, I've got a wife of my own."

"Then for Heaven's sake don't stay on philanthropy here," interrupted Rupert, a fiery flush overspreading his face. "I am sure that the woman who has fooled me will fool you! She will take all and give nothing. Madden you with glances and smiles which might well make you think you are the only man in the world for her, but she'll draw back and become an icicle if you venture to kiss her finger-tips—not for the sake of morality, though, but for the sake of the love she bears her husband."

He laughed fiercely. The chivalry which had prompted him to defend Henrietta on his first entrance to the gallery had deserted him now; he was quivering with jealous rage.

"Be quiet," interrupted Chester. "It's a blackguarding thing to speak of a woman like this, and in her own house."

"Of course, it is," muttered Rupert. "But who has made me a blackguard, I should like to know—who but la belle cousine herself? But I see how the wind blows," he added with a light laugh. "Well, go on thinking the Duchess a model woman and a model wife till you discover her true character for yourself. And don't forget when that comes how your benefactor!" he bowed mockingly. "Once did his best to warn you."

"Hush," muttered Chester. His quick ear had detected the sound of a footstep halting outside the door, and he was not surprised a second later when the groom of the chambers entered. The tall, impassive-looking lacquy had a note to deliver to Rupert Temple.

With somewhat of a jealous throb of the heart Chester recognised the handwriting of the Duchess. Rupert read the few lines scrawled across the paper, then crumpled the note up and put it in his pocket.

"Is there any answer, sir, for me to take back to her Grace?" the staid lacquy asked after a moment's pause.

"No answer at all," returned Rupert.

He waited till the groom of the chambers had taken his slow way from the gallery, then he turned to Chester with a smile.

"Women are changeable creatures—very changeable," he sauntered towards the door, and Chester, though he longed to ask what the Duchess had written to her cousin, forbore for very pride's sake to question him on the subject.

After all, the affair was none of his, but he felt he would have given a good deal to have run his eyes across that letter.

CHAPTER XV.

The Duchess was late coming into lunch, but Rupert Temple was in his accustomed place, so, also, Father Hilary. The latter raised his eyebrows a little, or so Chester fancied, as the meal progressed, and Henrietta failed to appear.

The Duke, as usual, looked dull and sleepy, but ate with good appetite. He had an honest middle-class hunger—this descendant of the Plantagenets—and preferred plain joints to the most wonderful dishes which his French chef could invent, a chef who had been beguiled by the Duchess from a great French restaurant, and whose dinners and suppers were famous.

Henrietta came in at last, and made some laughing excuse for being late, slipped into a chair, and began to break a slice of toast into small fragments with cool white fingers.

She looked pale, though, there was no doubt of that, also she had dashed some powder on, and she was a woman who rarely condescended to cosmetics, avoiding even the harmless powder-puff.

Chester wondered if she had been crying, and yet he thought that she was not the sort of person who would be easily moved to tears. But he noticed she had little appetite. A slice of cold boiled chicken contented her, also she drank no wine, only a glass of seltzer water, but she had a liqueur with her coffee, and then more colour came into her cheeks, more glow and animation into her face. She rallied Father Hilary because he was so silent—so quiet—laughed across the table at Rupert, and spoke with a certain pliant boldness of their first meeting at Simla, a daring subject for her to choose at such a moment.

She smiled at her husband, and asked what fascination he found in poking about the farm and investigating the conditions of pig-sties and cottages, but hardly seemed to expect a reply, for her talk rumbled on, spontaneous, effervescent, and the four men who sat round the table, listened, wondering, perhaps, in their own hearts what manner of woman this was.

All at once she turned to Chester and offered to take him out in her motor-car that afternoon. She did not include the others in her invitation.

"We'll have a good spin," she exclaimed, clasping hands together with all the pretty impetuosity of a spoiled child, "and it will do us both worlds of good, for you haven't taken any exercise really to-day, except when you mooned up and down the terrace, and I've been in doors all the morning."

She paused, and fixed her big amber eyes upon Chester. The Duke watched her through his half-closed lids, a curious scarcely perceptible smile playing about the corners of his mouth.

"I should be delighted," began Chester, but he spoke awkwardly. He felt a little ashamed of all the favours Henrietta was heaping upon him. He was conscious, too, that Rupert Temple's hands were twitching, also that the chaplain's head had sunk upon his breast.

He suddenly felt as if he and Henrietta were playing in a comedy, and that the others were watching them, and he was a bashful actor, an actor uncertain of his part.

"I'll drive the motor-car myself," smiled Henrietta, "and we won't be bothered by a chauffeur, or anyone, we will just go for a drive by ourselves." She rose from the table and stood up radiant and manly. The sunlight streaming in through the window lit up her burnished hair and blazed it to red flame.

She looked beautiful, more beautiful than Chester had ever seen her, also there was a certain reckless expression in her face. She looked as if she would like to challenge the whole world, to defy fate.

An hour later the great white car came round, and Henrietta and Chester started on their drive.

She was clad in white with singular dress, but indeed she always wore white when she drove the white motor-car.

She made Chester think of a snow queen, an ice woman. Her face looked so cold and set, her colour having died away again.

She was wrapped in furs, the heads of two white foxes peered over her shoulders, and the long stole reached to her knees. Her dress was of some thick white cloth, and her cap matched it. But yards of white chiffon framed her face and softened down the hard effect of the motor-cap, and the whiteness of the chiffon veiling, foamy and illusive, seemed to enhance the glorious copper of her hair and the amber colouring of her eyes. A cluster of white gardenias was stuck into the bosom of her dress, and their sweet, heavy fragrance reached Chester as he seated himself by her side in the motor-car. A huge, white bearskin rug was wrapped round their knees.

"Are you ready?" asked Henrietta. She addressed her companion rather coldly, then started the motor-car without waiting for his reply. All the vivacity and animation which she had displayed directly after lunch had left her. Chester was beginning to find her change of moods absolutely startling. She presented such an extraordinary contrast to Lady Susan, who was eternally the same—calm, reserved, dignified.

Henrietta took the motor-car at a quick rate down the park, and the deer browsing amongst the grass

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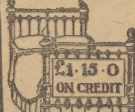
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THE MONEY MARKET.

Hopes That Troubles of "Kaffir" Settlement Are Exaggerated.

PARIS STOCKS HEAVY.

CAPET COURT, Tuesday Evening.—Until Friday is out of the way, it is perhaps too much to hope for really satisfactory markets on the Stock Exchange. Everybody wants to know how the Settlement will shape. Still, markets are certainly less unsatisfactory than they were yesterday, and showed quite a good rally at the close, especially in Kaffirs and Americans. No doubt, talk of trouble at the settlement is exaggerated, in spite of the heavy differences that have yet to be faced. But it costs only about half the amount that it did a year or two ago to finance a Kaffir settlement nowadays, owing to the great fall that has taken place in prices. In fact, bankers quite complain of the small amount of money the Stock Exchange borrows nowadays from account to account.

Money news continues very encouraging, and, if only the political atmosphere were clear and better Morocco news was reported to-day, there would be the two chief factors in favour of a good Consol market. The bankers seem to think that the Stock Exchange fortnightly loans will command no more than 4 per cent. to-morrow, and if this is so, there is certainly every ground for satisfaction, for it is a lower rate than has ruled for some time past.

CONSOLS REMAIN UNALTERED.

To-day Consols were better at 90 7-16. During the morning they had been going down lower, but they recovered before the close.

The Scottish railway dividends proved quite up to expectations. The distributions were at the rate of 1 1/2 per cent. more on both Caledonian Deferred and Glasgow and South-Western Deferred, and the amounts carried forward were increased. Naturally, the Scottish railway group looked the showing, and put prices up. But the improvement was not maintained, for the market is thinking more of the possible labour trouble in the Clyde shipbuilding industry than anything else. Taking the Home Railway market as a whole, the last prices were a little lower on balance, which is perhaps not altogether surprising, seeing that it is on the eve of the carry-over.

AMERICAN COAL STRIKE FEARED.

The traffic returns usually announced on a Tuesday proved very satisfactory, with the exception of the South-Eastern-Chatham and the Central London decreases.

They fear coal trade troubles in America, and possible further liquidation. And so there was not much heart in the American market at first. However, it was distinctly better later in the day. The Canadian Railway group was also inclined to pick up. On the whole, Foreign Rails were idle and dull. Here again the movement was not surprising, having regard to the fact of the nearness of the settlement. A good spot was to be found in the Mexican Railway section, where the First Preference stock reached 130.

MOROCCO CONFERENCE UNCERTAINTY.

Uncertainty about the outcome of the Morocco Conference was not a good point, and there was a heavy tendency for most of the Paris favourite stocks of the foreign market at the outset. The market got over its little fit of nerves later, and, except for one two recent gambling counters, like Peruvians, the close was inclined to be better for the day. Japanese bonds also showing improvement. The rise in copper shares was, of course, due in part to the better tendency for the metal.

After being liquidated during the morning, and showing not much disposition to recover after the carry-over, the Kaffir section pulled itself together in the afternoon and closed distinctly firmer. "Bears" who seemed to find difficulties at the settlement certainly existed in considerable numbers. Accordingly they were disposed to buy back their shares. One of the weak spots was Gedulds, owing to the bad assay values from the mine. But with all the rally there was very little trade. Other mining sections were also more confident.

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raised startled heads as the great white machine whizzed along. The naked trees appeared to frown and to raise menacing branches.

"We are too modern for this park," observed Henrietta. "We disturb its peace, its still silence. I always feel I affront the trees, the stately elms, the grim oaks, when I hustle along in a motor-car. How they must hate me and wish me in my grave!"

She spoke with a singular bitterness, and her little white face was more frozen and cold than ever.

"What a singular thing to say!" observed Chester. "Isn't Helmsworth yours? Are you not the supreme mistress and queen?"

"Only for a day," she retorted with flashing eyes. "And I always feel a little oppressed when staying here. For this is a place where women—very different to me—have lived and died, and set their mark upon everything. Think, if their ghosts come back—as perhaps they do—what a disturbing influence I must be to those gentle shades. I, who belong to such a different age. I, who am pagan and modern!"

"Pagan and modern?" murmured Chester reflectively. They were rushing out of the park as he spoke, tearing up the road, for the Duchess had forgotten her husband's desire that she should drive cautiously, and the motor-car was thundering along in wild and furious fashion.

Chester felt that the woman had suddenly thrown a searchlight on herself, and that he saw her now as she was—that complex thing, a pagan soul clothed in modern flesh.

For one bewildering second he recognised that in this tiny Henrietta's extraordinary fascination and mysterious charm. She had the nature of the strong, the invincible pagan woman. She had the same thoughts and ways of Helen of Troy, perhaps. The boundless ambition and love of Caesar. The warm passions of a Roman Empress, the same magnificent disregard of anyone or anything but herself, the pagan recklessness, the pagan pride, the pagan beauty.

He glanced at the little white-gloved hands steering the motor—the manicured, the scented hands. And he faced how, in an earlier decade, Henrietta might have lolled back in a litter borne on the heads of slaves, swaying a peacock fan, or have watched tiger and lion meet in deadly combat in the arena, watched with the same languid interest she would now display at any race meeting—the same half-contemptuous indifference.

"What are you thinking about?" Henrietta checked the speed of the car, and glanced at Chester curiously. The brisk spin in the open had restored her to some measure of good humour. She had been annoyed—out of humour with the whole world when she started on the drive. Now she was more disposed to smile and to be soft and caressing;

"I was thinking of paganism and things pagan," Chester replied slowly.

"Why look back? The past is so very, very far behind us—the real, the pagan past," she observed. "For I don't think much of the age of trunk and hose and the affectation of the brocade and powder period. No, I would rather live in the present times, unless one could get back to a much earlier day—the day when men were really men. Fighters who raided cities and won their women by capture loved the wine cup and the rose-garland, the bath, and the chase."

"Why am I talking to you like this?" she went on. "And yet, after all, why shouldn't I? For to-morrow I shall be entertaining over sixty guests, and it is doubtful if I even say more than good

morning to you. This may be our last long talk together—for ever, perhaps."

"No," he answered steadily. "That isn't the truth, and you know it. Besides, you are going to help me on to greatness—you have taken my destiny into your own hands, remember. You have promised me—success."

"In what lies success?" She let the car leap ahead again, and her wonderful rich voice became as soft as the golden notes that burst from a nightingale's throat. The frost in the air had tingled her blood. She was palpitating and rosy—no longer a woman of ice and snow.

"In what lies success?" repeated Chester slowly, thoughtfully. Yet he was sure he knew.

Henrietta watching the grave, earnest face, felt a strange longing to touch his strong, determined chin with her finger-tips, and kiss his stern, pale lips. Like every other woman of her temper, she was fascinated by austerity and strength.

"Success means getting what you want," continued Chester, after a long pause. "Winning the race."

"Tell me," Henrietta leaned a little towards him as she spoke, and their knees touched under the warm fur rug. "What do you want most in this world?"

"Power!" He answered her with a cold curtness, ashamed and furious with himself because the mere touch of her knee had given him such a wild thrill. "For this woman was another man's wife and child. She repeated the word delicately. "An excellent thing in its way." Then she turned her head, and glanced at him curiously, forgetting that she was driving a great white motor-car—forgetting everything in the world except the question she desired to ask.

"Has love any part in your life—in your dreams, Mr. Chester? What about your wife? Are you very fond of her?"

Her eyes were hungry and expectant as she asked the question—the gleaming, alluring eyes of a witch daughter.

Chester drooped his head. He felt a dull sense of shame creeping over him, as the conviction was slowly borne home that his love for Susan had faded. Notwithstanding their painful relationship he felt that once having loved his wife he ought to have gone on loving her to the end, even though he refrained from obtruding his affection upon her.

He had never imagined it possible that the day might come when his own heart, his heart and mind, his love had burnt itself out into a little heap of white ash. He had thought that to the end of his days he would be faithful to the wife who was no wife to him—faithful in thought, word, and deed. And now—and now—

"You haven't answered my question," whispered Henrietta. "Are you in love with Susan and find that his love has been about you takes no interest at all in your career? Tell me the truth—I, who am your friend."

She lowered her voice—she fixed him with her eyes, as unaware as he was, in her eagerness to hear his answer, that the hill they were rushing down was a hill with a danger signal. There was no cartage to be seen on the long, white road, nothing to make her think she must check the speed of her motor-car, as they flashed down the hill, staring at each other—the hill with the danger signal at the top.

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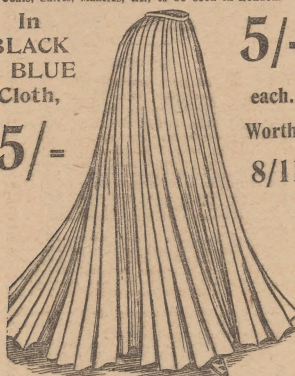
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For holding up the long gloves there are bracelets or glove garters in many designs. The simplest are of elastic, fastened with buckles, and are designed for service, not for show. Prettier are straps of heavy white or black moiré ribbon, finished with fancy gold or jewelled buckles and slides, and there are ornate bracelets made of lace gauged over ribbon, with the finest of frilled edges and a little garland of ruffled embroidery running round the lace puffing, while a tiny twist of lace, with an embroidery spring for the centre, covers the joining.

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We are rapidly running towards the end of the Rugby season. Next Saturday Ireland and Wales conclude their international engagements, and Devon and Durham fight out the little matter of the county championship; and a week later Scotland and England fight for possession of the Calcutta Cup, which the Scots have held for three years, and look like holding for another. Then the finals for the various cup competitions, and the serious work of the season will be over.

In a way, it was somewhat of a pity that Ireland lost to Scotland, their game with Wales at Belfast on Saturday lacking the same importance as that twelve months ago at Swansea, when both entered the field with two victories to their credit. As it is now, the Welshmen only need to draw to secure the championship, but should they lose and then Scotland beat England, as they most likely will, there will be a dead-heat between three or first place, with England once more a good last.

In connection with the Belfast match the chief point to be noted is that it will be fought out on the old lines—that is to say, with each side playing eight forwards and seven backs. That, as far as this season is concerned, will be a novelty, for in the eight international games up to date—I am, of course, including the New Zealand games—we have been treated to some eccentric departure by one side or the other. The change will be welcome, for, though the Colonials knew perfectly well what they were about with seven forwards and eight men outside, I will be hanged if the other fifteens did.

To the Welshmen the return of the old formation should make a great difference. Though they beat England and Scotland, they did not do themselves justice—first, their displays fell below their own high standard. The reason was simple. In playing an extra back they were attempting a new phase of back play which they had not mastered. They failed to utilise the additional man properly as an attacking force and had their own smooth and precise methods of passing and general combination put out of gear. Further, their seven forwards were worn down, and they had good reason to be thankful that neither the English nor the Scotch backs knew how to win, though presented with many opportunities.

With eight scrumraggers Wales should make a much better fight of it forward. Some surprise has been expressed that Dai Davies, the Welshman, and J. F. Williams, of the London Welsh, have been dropped, but I will wager that the Welsh committee are right. In recent years, at all events, they have made singularly few mistakes in their selections. They know their players, and their capabilities, and they pick their fifteens with only one object in view—the winning of the match.

With them the days of personal favoritism are over. I was quite prepared to find that Williams had been left out. He is tremendously fast for a forward, but I had heard more than a whisper that he reserved himself for his bursts in the open. In a word he was a shikier in the scrumgame. The first principle of the Welsh game is that their forwards shall at least hold the scrumgame, and heel—the backs do the rest. They want solid work in the pack, so the dashing Williams is gone. The three new forwards are sure to do well—they will be the exception to the rule if they spare themselves in their first international.

As the half to stand away to Owen the committee have very naturally chosen Gibbs. Possibly the latter is not quite as clever as Trev, but he is of much stouter build. The Welshmen are not at all likely to repeat our folly of playing two midget halves against the Irish pack.

Ireland rather fancy themselves against Wales, or, to put the matter more correctly, they always regard their prospects more highly against the latter than against Scotland. Two years ago on the same ground they gained a sensational victory over the Welshmen, but that has been their only success in the last six games. Still, they were very unlucky to lose at Swansea five years ago, and made a great fight of it last season.

I expect the Irish scrumraggers to do vastly better than they did against the Scots, and they will probably have the best of the forward struggle. Now that Robb is out of their three-quarter line, their defence should be all right, but their backs are not really clever in attack. That is the grave defect of the side. In this respect the Welshmen have a big pull, and their superior scoring powers should turn the scale. Popular sympathy will be with the Welsh fifteen in their final engagement, mainly on the score that they upset the New Zealanders.

With regard to the county championship match at Exeter on Saturday, I have little to add to my remarks on Monday. I saw the Durham beat Devon on the same ground six years ago, was present when they overcame Gloucestershire in 1902 and Kent the year following. I have seen them in four of the final matches in which they have taken part, and have a high opinion of their fighting powers. I think they will win again, and only regret I shall not be there to see. My duty takes me to Belfast.

The circular letter addressed by the Rugby Union to the leading public schools is a step in the right direction, and one can only hope that the principle will carry of it. I fancy that some parts of the document will not find complete favour with teams who are not blessed with old public schoolboys, but there is much to be said in the view that the more public school men we can get the better it will be for English Rugby.

Before any real good can be effected it will be necessary to decide upon something like a national and uniform style of playing. Just at present we are in a worse muddle than ever, but, with the various experiments that are being tried, one may hope in time for the solution of the great problem—What is the correct formation? The London Welsh last Saturday established the negative—six forwards and nine backs.

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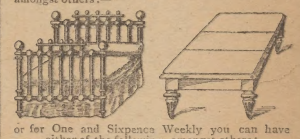
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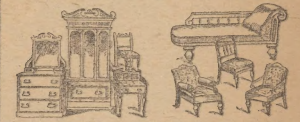
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